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My name is Lon Mitchell, I am a company owner in the CBM industry doing Computer Aided Drafting & Design specifically piping design for compressor station hookup. My services are required by Yates Petroleum and Rowdy Pipeline. I am a small company but I contribute lot to the state and the city of Gillette. I am the only employee for Teton CADD, Inc. right now but through this business I have developed another business, It's Your Image Studio a photography studio that employees 3 people and is a service to the community. It is financed by Teton CADD, Inc..

I oppose the Citizen Petition for Rulemaking – Powder River Basin Resource Council et al – WQD Chapter 2. I oppose the rulemaking that reduces or eliminates the ability for coal bed produced water to be discharges and thus beneficially used.

I have seen ranchers and livestock benefit from the use of these waters, they are growing bigger and better crops then ever before. Wyoming has been going through a drought in this area, but you wouldn't know it by looking at the crops they have been able to produce from the water they now have. The very same ranchers that are now saying they are against the CBM water rely on this water for irrigation and watering livestock. Their property has been upgraded with reservoirs, access roads and irrigation systems. Wildlife has furished in these areas thanks to the added amount of water livestock is healthier bring higher auction sales to the area.

If this rule is allowed to pass not only will the CBM workers hurt but many business will fail. My photography studio "It's Your Image Studio" will have to close its doors because "Teton CADD, Inc." will have to move somewhere else. Many other business will suffer for the lack of people having to move elsewhere for employment. The real estate sales will fall. Instead of having a housing shortage in the Gillette area there will be many homes put on the market at reduced rates and even foreclosures and bankruptcies will follow. The money the state of Wyoming receives from the Gas will quit.

The state will have to implement a State Tax to survive because with this rule it will KILL the gas industry in the State. Buy changing the rule the EQC would not be protecting existing use CBM water by ranchers, livestock and wildlife and that ranchers will SUFFER greater damage if the rule is passed. The rule CAN NOT stand up by the stricter standards on discharge water imposed on CBM water. May I remind you the EQC that the Attorney General's office has repeatedly cautioned against this petition and the rule it proposes, and that EQC would be wise to heed their attorney's advice. This rule will be struck down as arbitrary and capricious.

Please don't kill my businesses because of some ignorant attorney promising artificial benefits to a few ranchers that already has more money the GOD and could careless one way or the other.

Thanks for taking a minute of your time to listen to a plea from a small business owner who would love to stay in the Gillette area and watch my children and grandchildren grow up here and contribute to the economy in their lives.

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